

WEATHER

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CROPS

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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003

Above normal temperatures and rainfall were characteristic for Virginia this week as farmers continued to work towards completing harvesting and small grain seeding activities. Due to the large amounts of rainfall in some areas of the state, farmers had a hard time working in the fields. In other parts of the state, light showers and warmer temperatures allowed field work to progress. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. Land preparations continued for small grain and cover crop planting. Livestock and pastures continued to thrive. Farmers were getting close to the end of the corn harvest as soybean and cotton harvesting activities were reaching full swing. Peanut harvesting activities progressed nicely this week. Other farming activities included subsoiling to alleviate soil compaction, taking soil samples, marketing livestock, baling peanut vines, cutting corn and cotton stalks, marketing grain and cotton, paying close attention to commodity prices, and getting ready for hunting season.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 2	0	9	77	14
October 26	1	16	79	4
October 19	1	6	85	8
October 12	1	8	75	16
October 5	0	3	71	26

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	4	21	55	19
Livestock	0	1	10	69	20
Other Hay	1	5	23	58	13
Alfalfa Hay	2	10	28	49	11
Soybeans	3	7	19	48	23
Cotton	0	4	30	51	15

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	84	73	95	91
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	96	93	97	98
Soybeans Harvested	39	27	35	42
Winter Wheat Seeded	48	35	39	43
Barley Seeded	85	76	92	84
Peanuts Dug	96	85	88	96
Peanuts Combined	80	60	74	89
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	89	100	99
Cotton Harvested	40	29	65	57

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	77	29	50	3	1.15	0.38	4
Bremo Bluff	85	30	55	3	1.08	0.17	4
Burkes Garden	73	28	47	3	1.14	0.37	3
Camp Pickett	82	36	57	6	1.31	0.47	3
Chatham	81	33	53	2	1.29	0.45	3
Dale Enterprise	78	31	52	2	0.63	-0.07	3
Danville AG	81	38	57	4	1.96	1.19	4
Floyd	78	30	50	3	1.34	0.45	3
Free Union	84	34	55	1	1.87	0.89	3
Glasgow	82	34	53	2	1.43	0.66	3
Hillsville	78	33	52	4	0.97	0.09	3
Lake Of The Woods	80	36	55	3	2.01	1.10	4
Lynchburg	81	35	56	4	1.31	0.51	4
Mount Weather	75	35	53	6	2.04	1.13	4
Norfolk	77	45	62	6	3.10	2.46	4
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	82	36	56	5	2.26	1.35	3
Pulaski	78	31	51	4	0.92	0.22	4
Richlands	77	32	51	8	0.89	0.12	3
Richmond	82	39	59	6	1.69	0.92	4
Roanoke	81	35	56	5	0.64	-0.20	4
Saltville	79	32	53	4	1.02	0.25	4
Somerset	83	33	55	4	2.75	1.84	3
Staunton	78	31	55	7	0.67	-0.10	3
Stuart	83	37	56	4	1.28	0.39	3
The Plains	81	31	53	2	2.97	2.14	4
Washington Dulles	81	34	55	5	3.04	2.27	4
Waynesboro	79	33	52	4	1.64	0.87	3
Winchester	83	31	53	4	1.08	0.32	4
Woodstock	81	32	54	3	0.37	-0.33	2
Wytheville	78	32	50	3	0.64	-0.10	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.